

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on October 02, 2009, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 6 and 17 are amended, claims 1-5, 9-16, 19, 20, 23, and 24 are canceled, and claims 27-30 are added. As a result, claims 6-8, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27-30 are now pending in this application.

In claims

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claims is intended to reflect cancellation of previously pending claims 1-5, 9-16, 19, 20, 23, and 24 and addition of new claims 27-30. New claims 27-30 are supported by the original disclosure, and no new matter has been added.

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims (1-4, 5, 15, 19-20, 23-24) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wang. (US Publication 2005/0152486 A1).

Claims 1-4, 5, 15, 19-20, and 23-24 are canceled.

Claims (9-14, 16) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wang. (US Publication 2005/0152486 A1) in view of Teder et al. (US Patent 5,544,156).

Claims 9-14 and 16 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims (7-8, 18, 21-22, 25-26) are allowed.

Applicants note with appreciation allowance of claims 7-8, 18, 21-22, and 25-26.

Claims 6 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants acknowledge the allowable subject matter. Claims 6 and 17 have been amended accordingly. Thus, Claims 6 and 17 should be found allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims 6-8, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27-30 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (603-888-7958) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

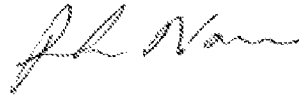
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